

GYPSY SMITH, JR., TAKES PRIDE IN HIS NOMADIC ANCESTORS

Evangelist Tells of Characteristic of This Little Known Race of Wanderers.

MAY BE LOST TRIBE, HE SAYS

Scores Those Who Contribute to Deception of Fortune Telling.

There is at least one man in the world who, if he is not proud of the fact, is unashamed to admit that he sprang from an ostracized race, and the "scum of the world."

That man is Gypsy Smith, Jr., who last night began a month's evangelistic campaign in the National Capital with "Washington For Christ" as his slogan.

While the evangelist was not born in a gypsy tent, all his paternal ancestors did come from that nomadic race, and his father's boyhood was spent roaming the earth foot or in a gypsy wagon.

The racial pride of Gypsy Smith, Jr., is based on the fact that the tribe from which he originated has given to the world thirteen evangelists, and on his belief that gypsies are good people at heart and are greatly maligned.

Tells of Gypsies' Work.

He thrills with emotion when he tells of the wonderful work gypsies are doing in the evangelistic world. The fact that gypsies cannot read or write, that they have no education, that they have never been taught anything about God, that they have no home other than camps established in fields and along roadsides makes it all the more wonderful, in the evangelist's mind, that thirteen of them should leave one tribe to preach the Gospel. He believes gypsies, while appearing absolutely irreligious in their life, are at heart deeply religious and are born exhorters and ministers.

He says "gypsies get religion more readily than peoples of other races, because they recognize from childhood that there is a supreme force and personality, which guides the world, and when they are informed that force and personality mean God, they comprehend it at once and are most joyful over the discovery."

Has Studied Nomads.

While one generation removed from the gypsy tent, the evangelist realizes that all his family traditions and history come from the rovers of the plains, the hills and mountains, and he has given careful study to their habits, dispositions, traits of character and life in general. He visits gypsy camps, wherever he knows they can be found. He speaks the gypsy language, and he is always trying to convert more gypsies and make evangelists of them.

To the gypsies he is known as Boro Romany Rashi, which means "great preacher" in their language. His father, too, is a Boro Romany Rashi, and they expect the children of Gypsy Smith, Jr., to follow the same calling.

Holds Lost Tribe Theory.

"Nobody knows where gypsies come from," said Gypsy Smith, Jr., today. "Their origin is an unfathomable mystery to anthropologists. We believe gypsies, the rovers and rovers of the earth, constitute one of the lost tribes of Israel. There were lost tribes and we believe this is one of them. How else can anyone explain the fact that although gypsies cannot read or write and know nothing of the Bible, all of them bear the names of Biblical characters. The searcher may go back as far as he possibly can, but he will never find a gypsy with any other than a Biblical name."

"But, where the Gypsies came from is not the important thing. It is rather where they are going and where are millions of other people going when they die."

Gypsies Are Misunderstood.

"The Gypsy race is the most misunderstood race in the world. There is no race under the sun that has been so maligned as the Gypsies. I once asked a class of children what they knew about Gypsies. Their answers were 'Gypsies are loafers,' 'Gypsies are thieves,' 'Gypsies are swindlers.' Grown-ups as well as children fear Gypsies for some unknown reason. They do not go near them, but yet they conjure up all sorts of ridiculous, fantastic and terrible stories about the race and tell them as if they were facts."

"The Gypsy race needs no defense at heart; they are good people, amiable, impulsive, impressionable, courageous at times, yet timid at others, and their love of family and home, wherever that home may be, either in a wagon or on a hillside, is unsurpassed."

Civilization Brought Vices.

"A great many things can be said against Gypsies now, since they came into touch with the refinement and culture of civilization that could not be said of them while they stayed in the wilderness. For instance, they are very profane and they drink a great deal. These are two of the worst faults of the Gypsy race, but they are shedding these vices as time rolls on."

"They do not wreck banks nor reorganize them—you have some new names for crimes in this country—and they do not rob widows and orphans. Gypsy girls are innocent and pure, and unchastity is practically unknown among them. Immorality, as the word has come to be understood in this day, is non-existent among Gypsies."

"They are called 'great thieves,' 'good finders.' They never buy anything they can find. Occasionally they find an old piece of rope—with a horse on the end of it. They sometimes find patches of potatoes and other vegetables in the country and borrow enough for a meal. They do not take more than this because they do not wish to burden themselves with heavy weights, and, then again, they know there are other vegetable patches fur-

GYPSY SMITH ON GYPSIES.

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We are not concerned with where we came from but, where we are going.

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They neither read nor write, but they are highly intelligent.

They do not break into or reorganize banks; they do not rob widows and orphans, and they do not put their hands into other people's pockets to warm them.

From an interview with Gypsy Smith, Jr.

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Fortune Telling Worst Fault.

"The worst fault among Gypsy girls and women is fortune telling. They do not know the first thing in the world about their own fortune or what the next day holds for them, much less the entire future of other people."

"Gypsy girls make and sell wicker baskets and ornaments and trinkets. The profit on these is not great. They can make infinitely more by telling fortunes, and whenever a gypsy woman or girl can make money by telling a fortune she will do so."

"When you cross a gypsy woman's palm with silver to tell your fortune you are paying an ignorant woman to lie—a woman who hasn't your education, and a woman who never had your chance for enlightenment. Then again, who is to say that the gypsy woman doesn't chuckle and chuckle as she pockets the money and laughs outright at her hoax when she gets out of the palm crosser's sight?"

Was Taught by Booth.

The evangelist's father, Gypsy Smith, who electrified Washingtonians eight years ago with his stirring sermons in Convention Hall, was born in a gypsy tent, while his father's tribe was camping in England.

The elder Smith's father became converted after his wife died from smallpox, and he was left with five little children, one of whom was Gypsy Smith. The father's conversion led to the conversion of the son. Before Gypsy Smith was eight years old, he was taken in charge by Gen. William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, and trained as a preacher.

Gypsy Smith, sr., has preached the Gospel in all quarters of the globe, and in every English-speaking country in the world. He is now conducting religious services for British soldiers in the trenches in Flanders and France.

TO PLAN ANNUAL MEETING

National Council of U. S. Commerce

Chamber Holds Session.

The national council of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States meets at the Willard Hotel this afternoon to consider the program for the organization's annual meeting, which begins tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

R. G. Rhett, of Charleston, S. C., president of the Chamber of Commerce, will preside at today's meeting, which will be attended by 400 men, one representative from each organization affiliated with the national body.

The program to be considered today deals with preparedness, daylight saving, and the railroad problem. The chamber held a referendum on the railroad problem during December. The result of this referendum will be announced at the sessions of the national body by C. F. Wood, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. The verdict of business men on the question of preventing strikes and lockouts will be made known by the referendum results.

At the termination of the business sessions Friday night a banquet will be held, with President Wilson as the guest of honor and one of the speakers. Other speakers will include Secretary of War Baker, Secretary of Commerce Redfield, and Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood.

ALL ON \$10 A WEEK

Court Orders Him to Support Eleven

Children and Give Wife \$4.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Under court order, Joseph G. Baseman, earning \$10 a week, must support his eleven children and pay his wife \$4 a week. All the rest of his salary goes to himself.

The court held that Baseman could not excuse non-support on the grounds of poverty, and ruled that the man was responsible to the size of the family and its support.

How You Can Quickly

Remove Hairy Growths

(Aids to Beauty.)

A well-known beauty specialist advises this treatment for the removal of hairy growths from the face. Mix into a paste some powdered delatone and after about two minutes rub off, wash the skin and every trace of hair has vanished. This method is quick and entirely safe. To avoid disappointment, however, it is well to make certain you get genuine delatone.—Adv.

MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR REVIVAL CROWD

Gypsy Smith Audiences So Large Step Made Necessary.

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Church, which adjoins the tabernacle. The Rev. J. J. Dimon, rector of St. Andrew's, probably will preside at the overflow service.

To Use Card System.

It is not expected that the evangelist will extend invitation to prospective converts tonight. In other cities he has preached for at least a week before asking for professions of faith. A card system will then be introduced by the evangelist and Prof. Forest Cole, his choir leader.

The cards are designed to show whether the man or woman is making the first step toward a Christian life, whether they are "coming back to Christ," or whether they have decided to affiliate themselves with some church in Washington after desultory affiliation with churches in other cities.

To Raise Only \$5,000.

Announcement was made by Dr. Palmer today that the \$5,000 to be collected by passing the plate at the evangelistic services would be raised to defray the cost of the tabernacle and other expenses incurred incident to the revival. When this \$5,000 is raised the plate will no longer be passed.

On Sunday night \$200 was contributed by the congregation and turned over to the finance committee consisting of Henry R. Simpson, chairman; Irving B. Linton, and James Seible. It is hoped that the \$5,000 can be raised within the first ten days so as to dispense with the collection at the services.

Gypsy Smith, Jr., will receive no part of the \$5,000, Dr. Palmer announced. A free will offering for the evangelist will be asked for on the last day of the campaign. Until the last day none of the money contributed will go to Gypsy Smith, Jr.

First Daylight Sermon.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock the evangelist will preach his first daylight sermon in Washington. The text for the sermon will be "Pools of Bethesda."

Gypsy Smith, Jr., was given an enthusiastic welcome by Bishop Harding and a number of Episcopal clergymen at a reception held in the rectory of Grace Episcopal Church, Ninth and D streets southwest, last night.

Powerful Sermon.

The evangelist delivered an extemporaneous sermon, which greatly affected the clergymen. One today informed Dr. Palmer that "it was the most remarkable sermon I have ever heard, and Gypsy Smith, Jr., is one of the most remarkable men I ever saw."

As a result of this demonstration of the powers of the evangelist, the Episcopal clergymen today decided to attend the services at the tabernacle in a body some night next week. Dr. Palmer said he had so many reservations already made that he would have to study the program and select a night for the Episcopal ministers. The delegation of clergymen in all probability will be headed by Bishop Harding, who confessed himself much impressed with the evangelist.

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RECONSIDERED DECISION

Returns Marriage License Once, But Comes Back With Application.

"Got another girl?" asked "Col." William A. Kroll in charge of the marriage license bureau at the District Supreme Court as he recognized the applicant at the desk as one who took out a license several months ago, and subsequently returned it.

"No, same one," said the man with a smile. Kroll received the applicant's gleeful assurance that he was sure to use the second license, and make the party of the second part his wife.

The girl's name in the new license was the same as had been given in the former document—Rosario Albo. Her father accompanied the prospective bridegroom this time to the marriage license bureau. The prospective bridegroom, Giuseppe Constantino wouldn't explain the return of the former license.

LEAVES SONS DOLLAR EACH.

Elizabeth Rebecca Miller, by her will, filed for probate yesterday, leaves \$1 each to her sons, Lorenza Thomas Miller, Harry A. Miller, \$1,000 to a daughter, Marie Vogt, and the remainder of the estate to another daughter, Elizabeth Dora Garrison. The will was offered for probate by A. E. McLaughlin, the executor.

MOXLEY RITES THURSDAY.

Funeral services for James A. Moxley, sixty-eight years old and a lifelong resident of Washington, who died at his home, 3022 O street northwest, last night, will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Thursday at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Moxley had for nineteen years been in the service of the Bureau of Animal Research. He is survived by a son and a daughter, both of this city.

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LEWIS PHONE BILL URGED AT MEETING

President of Randle Highlands Citizens' Body Speaks for Measure.

The Lewis bill providing for Government ownership of telephones was discussed at the meeting of the Randle Highlands Citizens' Association last night. Many facts were presented to show the need of reduced rates in the District, that the telephone may be more universally used. S. E. Snyder, president, said it cost more to have a telephone in the house than it did to make the same number of calls from a pay station.

Furthermore, he said that because of the prohibitive price, there were comparatively few telephones, and that one in a given community became a nuisance to the subscriber, it being used by the entire community, whereas if rates were cheaper more people would have them.

R. Richard, Dr. B. T. Woodward, and C. A. Barker also spoke.

Ask Change in Lights.

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The matter was looked upon favorably by the association, and the delegate to the federation was instructed to use his own judgment.

Report on Boy Scouts.

E. Hohn, who was appointed to re-narrate the Boy Scout activities, reported that through his efforts the troop had been reorganized and is now making splendid progress.

The Carey bill, calling for the District referendum, was referred to the executive committee.

A request will be made that Twenty-fifth street be temporarily improved in order that it may be used. Pennsylvania avenue is also in need of improvement in places, it was reported, and this request also will be made. Additional street lights also are desired.